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SUBJECT: LAUNCH OF ISS-B SATELLITE

- 1. GOJ HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF NASDA'S INTENTION TO LAUNCH ISS-B SATELLITE ABOARD N LAUNCH VEHICLE ON FEBRUARY 11, 1978. IN DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS PRACTICE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY HAS INVITED FOREIGN SCIENCE COUNSELORS AND ATTACHES IN TOKYO TO ATTEND LAUNCH AT TANEGASHIMA ISLAND, COMBINED WITH VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO LAUNCH SITE AT UCHINOURA, KYUSHU. TOTAL TIME INVOLVED IS THREE DAYS. WE EXPECT THAT MOST EMBASSIES WILL SEND THEIR SCIENCE OFFICERS.
- 2. AT FIRST LAUNCH OF N VEHICLE IN SEPTEMBER 1975, U.S., FRENCH, AND BRITISH EMBASSIES WERE REPRESENTED. U.S. EMBASSY WAS NOT INVITED TO SUBSEQUENT LAUNCHES SO PRESENCE OF OTHER FOREIGNERS COULD NOT BE ASCERTAINED. (OF COURSE, AMERICAN TECHNOLOGISTS FROM PRIVATE COMPANIES ALWAYS ARE PRESENT).

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3. IF DEPT. OR NASA WOULD LIKE TO HAVE REPRESENTATION AT ISS-B LAUNCH AND VISIT TO UCHINOURA, THIS WOULD BE GOOD TIME TO ARRANGE, CONSIDERING THAT JAPANESE HAVE SPECIAL OBLIGATION TO HONOR U.S. REQUESTS. PLEASE ADVISE. MANSFIELD

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